श्री सभापति :रिकार्ड में नहीं जा रहा। आप क्यों बोल रहे हैं? कुछ नहीं जा रहा रिकार्ड में। ...(व्यवधान).. सदन की कार्रवाई एक घंटे के लिए स्थगित की जाती हैं।

The House then adjourned at nine minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House re-assembled at eleven minutes past twelve of the clock

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Disappearance of listed BSE companies

*21. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that at least 2750 companies of the 5651 listed on the BSE were not available for trading and have gone missing with around Rs. 10,000 crore invested in these companies by millions of investors;

(b) if so, how many of them have been officially declared as 'disappeared' and the total amount of investors' money involved therein; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure that the listed companies do not play 'Loot and Scoot' game with investors' money?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, the Central Coordination and Monitoring Committee of Securities and Exchange Board of India and the Department of Company Affairs has informed that of the 7050 issues during the period 1992-98, 185 companies could be identified as 'vanishing companies'. In these companies, the total monetary exposure involved is approximately Rs. 1150 crores. Of these companies, the total monetary exposure involved is approximately Rs. 1150 crores. Of these 185 companies, 82 with total issue size (amount involved) of approximately Rs. 600 crores responded to the notices issued by SEBI and have, therefore, been classified as 'resurfaced vanishing companies'. The Department of Company Affairs has taken action including filing

*Not recorded.

prosecutions against companies under sections 62/63, 68 and 628 of the Companies Act, 1956. SEBI has debarred 93 companies and 351 directors under section 11B of the SEBI Act 1992 prohibiting them from associating in any way with the capital market activities.

Ground handling at airports

*22. SHRI JIBON ROY:
SHRI R. P. GOENKA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inspite of decisions taken by Government private airlines are being allowed to carry on ground handling on airports; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) As per existing Airports Authority of India (General Management, Entry for Ground Handling Services) Regulations 2000, at present in force, all private airlines are permitted to , carry on ground handling services at airports on self handling basis.

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*23. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:
SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMAD KHAN (DURRU):

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any follow-up action with regard to the officials indicted by the Tarapore Committee in January, 2002 In the U.T.I, scam;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when action is likely to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) to (c) After detailed audit, and as recommended by the Tarapore Committee, 19 cases were referred to the Advisory Board for Banking, Commercial and Financial Frauds (ABBCFF); which is a pre-investigative body under the Central Vigilance Commission. As the transactions/investment